

U S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
 Traverse & Erwin - Removal Polrep
 Initial and Final Removal Polrep



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 Region V**

Subject: POLREP #1
 First and final
 Traverse & Erwin
 C594
 Detroit, MI
 Latitude: 42.4000489 Longitude: -83.0175940

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Reporting Period: 10/12/2011 thru 10/25/2011

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	C594	Contract Number:	LATTA
D.O. Number:	44	Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	na
Mobilization Date:	10/12/2011	Start Date:	10/12/2011
Demob Date:	10/25/2011	Completion Date:	10/25/2011
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Site Description

On October 11, 2011 a fire occurred at an abandoned building near the intersection of Traverse and Erwin Streets in Detroit, Mi. After the Detroit Fire Dept (DFD) extinguished the fire they found over 100-5 gal containers of flammable waste paint left in the building by an unknown source. The DFD called the USEPA for assistance in removing the containers to decrease the risk of another fire occurring at this location. There are occupied residences within 200 feet of this building and a cadaver supply business next door.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Response Actions to Date

10/12 thru 13 -- OSC observes the situation and activates the ERRS contractor. The waste was containerized for shipping. 18 overpacks were generated with 5 and 1 gal full an partial full paint containers in them. 6 drums of floor scrapings and debris from the paint containers were also generated. An additional 4- 55 gal. drums of flammable oil were also found on site. Samples were collected for analysis The building was secured and posted.

10/25 -- Arrived on site and found that the building had been broken into but the waste had not been tampered with Waste was shipped off site for disposal

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

The OSC attempted to determine if there was a PRP that we could have preform the cleanup, but was not successful. None of the containers had any legible information on them that would lead to the Company or person that left them at the site. What he did find out was that the property once was once owned by Liberty Trailers, Inc. which had apparently gone out of business a number of years ago. The property was then owned by Mr. Art Rathburn who claimed he recently lost it to a bank foreclosure to Peoples Bank. Mr. Rathburn claimed he was not aware of any hazardous or flammable substances on the site. He also stated that the condition of the property has deteriorated substantially since the bank has taken it over. He had no contact with the bank but his lawyer might. There was no time to pursue this issue further and the OSC proceeded with the cleanup. This information has been forwarded to the Enforcement Section for cost recovery.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
waste paint containers	liquid	18 drums	008970598JJJ		X
FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS	"	4 drums	"		x
floor scrapings	solids	6 drums	"		x

2.2 Planning Section

No information available at this time

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time

3. Participating Entities

Cooperating Agencies DFD

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time

